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Stoneman's Raid author coming to Newton

NEWTON—*Stoneman's Raid 1865* author Chris J. Hartley will discuss his work at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 at the Catawba County Library in Newton.

Hartley's visit, sponsored by Friends of Catawba County Library, will commemorate National Library Week as well as the 150th anniversary of the start of the War Between the States. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing.

Hartley, of Pfafftown, NC, has worked in marketing and communications for several large companies. On the side, he chases the history that has fascinated him since childhood. He has published several articles and is a frequent speaker about the Civil War. From an historical perspective, Stoneman's Raid in the spring of 1865 was designed to bring an end to four years of war by destroying supplies and facilities. Though the operation failed in that goal, Union cavalry did over the course of two months bring the war home to a number of communities including Newton that, prior to that time, had not seen battle up close. In the process, the soldiers accomplished one of the longest cavalry raids in U.S. military history.

Copies of Hartley's book are also available in the Catawba County Library System on the nonfiction shelf, 973.738 HAR.



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